



MAY 2007

M.A.O. Member Appearances

M.A.O. MEMBERS AND OTHER KNOWN PWDs WHO ARE TELEVISION SERIES REGULARS/ RECURRING

- **Tracy Ashton (AL)**
As Didi - "My Name is Earl" – NBC
- **Peter Dinklage (LP)**
As Marlowe Sawyer - "Nip/Tuck" – FX
- **Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP)**
As Bethany Horowitz - "Boston Legal" - ABC
- **Robert David Hall (AL)**
As Coroner Dr. Robbins - "CSI" – CBS
- **Mitch Longley (WU)**
As Mitch - "Las Vegas" - NBC
- **Shoshannah Stern (D)**
As Bonnie Richmond - "Jericho" - CBS
As Megan Graves - "Weeds" – Showtime
- **Marcus A. York (WU)**
As Billy Merchant - "The Office" - NBC

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Christina Maria (O)
My Name is Earl – NBC
Episode: Get a Real Job
May 3 at 8 pm – check local listings

THEATRE APPEARANCES

Nick Daley (DD), Ronald Williams (DD) and Diana Jordan (MI/CP) 'The National Cesspool' on May 18-20
Foley Theater, 1 LMU Drive, L.A.
For info: 323-467-7633

Please note: We would like to have your performances appear in the M.A.O. newsletter in a timely fashion. Please e-mail DGordy@edd.ca.gov by the third week of the month prior to your scheduled appearance. **Include date, time, place, contact and ticket information, as applicable, and the nature of your disability please, as per the format above.**

Congratulations to M.A.O. Members...

- **John Siciliano (AL)** shot a national Verizon commercial that begins airing this month, in which he plays a pirate.
- **Clint Mabry (AL)** appeared on the NBC game show Identity on April 6th.
- **Legs**, a short film written and directed by **Richard Redlin (MI)** and featuring **Robert David Hall (AL)** and **Lynn Manning (B)** was shown at **Method Fest 2007** in Woodland Hills last month.
- The indie film **Fighting Words**, featuring **Marcus A. York (WU)**, and cast by M.A.O. acting teacher **David Zimmerman**, premiered in Hollywood on April 6.
- **Jessica Callahan (B)** performed songs from her upcoming CD, **Close Moments**, to be released soon, at The Mint in L.A. on April 24.
- **Kathi Hall (LP)** was chosen to perform as an emerging comic in the **Los Angeles Comedy Festival** from May 10-20.
- **Matthew Van Vlack (O)** has a trailer for the feature film about disability, **Art Imitating Life**, which he wrote and directed, posted online at: www.youtube.com/brickyardhill.
- An article on singer **Michael Valcour (O)** appeared in the **Catholic Herald** last month and can be viewed online at: www.catholic.org.
- **Lynn Manning (B)** hosted a panel on "Techniques and Challenges in Live Recording with Persons with Disabilities", and then performed in his one-man show, **Weights** at Amaryllis Theatre in Philadelphia, PA. on April 25, 2007.
- **Dena Diamond (B)** did voiceover work in the hit film **Blades of Glory**, in theatres now.
- **Kayo Zepeda (AL)** and **Marcy Lovett (WU)** were cast in an upcoming film, currently untitled, directed by **David Zucker**.

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- **Marcy Lovett (WU), David Connell (O) and Claudia Liolios (D)** were cast in a dance project entitled **Mastermind**.
- **Marcy Lovett (WU), Toby Forrest (WU), David Connell (O), Kayo Zepeda (AL), Jeff Charlebois (WU), Fred Burns (MI), and Ruby Davis (WU)** were featured in the **Pacific Palisades Variety Show**.
- **Jason Kingsley (Ds) & Mitchell Levitz (Ds)** have been making numerous publicity appearances on the east coast in conjunction with the publication of an updated edition of their book, **Count Us In: Growing Up With Down syndrome**.
- **Bethany A. Hoppe, (WU)** did a voice over role in the film **Too**, directed a school production of **Peter Pan**, and will be conducting youth camps this summer in TN. See: www.bethany-hoppe.com.
- **Tim Flannigan (WU)** worked as an extra for a Youtube short called **Bob** that was filmed in Berkeley on April 14.
- **Pamela K. Walker (WU/O)** played a leading and two supporting roles in **365 Plays/365 Days** at UC Davis, part of the nationwide presentation of Suzan-Lori Parks' year-long play cycle.
- **Evelyna Castro (WU/O)** is a makeup asst. for the indie film **Two Julias**, in which she also appears as an extra, and also worked crew for a theatre production of **Angry Housewives**.

Special Notices: a memorial service for **Peggy Oliveri (LP)**, who passed away in December, was held in Long Beach on April 22. Playwright **Kenny Bell (O)** passed away in January and a memorial will be held for him in the SF Bay Area this summer.

Bizness of the Bizness Workshop

On Thursday, May 31, 2007 M.A.O. will host a workshop with **Angel Rivera** from SAG and **Roxanne Rascon Brown** from AFTRA to answer your questions about their unions. **Robert David Hall (of CSI)** has also been invited to speak about the Performers with Disabilities Committee at SAG, as well as M.A.O. member **Danny Murphy**. The presentation will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Verdugo Jobs Center in Glendale. **Space is limited so call Gloria at 818-409-0448 to reserve your spot.**

Useful Disability Info Website

The Federal website www.disabilityinfo.gov is a one-stop location for federal disability information and connects people with disabilities to the federal resources they need. This user-friendly, fully accessible site provides information on topics grouped into categories such as Benefits, Civil rights, etc., offering a wide range of information from several federal agencies - all in one place. DisabilityInfo.gov also provides information on accessibility, assistive and adaptive technology, and the laws and regulations related to technology and disabilities.

Disability Arts Festival Call for Entries

The 2007 Greater Newark Black Disabled Arts Festival, which will be held on August 11-12 in NJ, is seeking entries. **For information call: 973-763-6308 or e-mail: ArtsFest2007@NMDC.us**

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| ■ AL - Leg Amputee | ■ LP - Little Person |
| ■ B - Blind | ■ MI - Mobility Impaired |
| ■ CP - Cerebral Palsy | ■ O - Other |
| ■ D - Deaf | ■ PWD - Performer with Disability |
| ■ DD - Devel. Disability | ■ VI - Visually Impaired |
| ■ Ds - Down syndrome | ■ WU - Wheelchair User |
| ■ HI - Hearing Impaired | |
| ■ ID - Invisible Disability | |

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